Note 9. Being the first year of commercial operation of Kakrapar-1, initial regulatory power limit of 75 per cent and outage for turbine inspection and modification passed on lessons learnt from the Narora fire incident led to shortfall.

Air borne survey for atomic minerals

1334. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airborne Survey for atomic minerals has been hit for want of aircraft; and

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof alongwith the corrective steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The airborne surveys could not be taken up for the period January 1993 to March 1993 due to non-availability of Aircraft from flying agency. However, the surveys were taken up from November 1993 to March 1994, the best flying season available for such surveys in the country. To ensure the availability of aircraft for surveys during the flying season, it has been decided to enter into a contract on a long term basis with the flying agencies.

Power generation by automatic power plants

1335. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total quantum of power generated by each Atomic Power Plant in the country during each of the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the generation of power is speadily declining;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the capacity of power generation;

(e) the reasons for frequent closure of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS); and

(f) the present power generating capacity of each unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station and what are the details of amount earmarked for its expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The electricity generated expressed in Million Kilowatt hours (MUs) by the Atomic Power Stations in commercial operation during last three years is given below:

	In MUs		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Tarapur 1 & 2	1711	1935	1823
Rajasthan 1 & 2	1186	1058	1260
Madras 1 & 2	2160	1978	1388
*Narora 1 & 2	532	1680	335
**Kakrapar—1	..	..	621
	5589	6651	5427

*Narora—1 commenced commercial operation w.e.f. 1st January 1991 and Narora—2 w.e.f. 1st July, 1992.

**Kakrapar—1 commenced commercial operation w.e.f. 6th May, 1993.